

## HOW THEY LOOKED THIRTY-TWO YEARS AGO



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## EXTEND SERVICE TO WHOLE CITY

Postmaster Will Recommend That Parcels Post Be Made Available at All Substations.

## CENTRAL OFFICE CONGESTED

Daily Increase in Force Inadequate to Care Properly for Heavy Parcel Traffic.

Acting Postmaster Southward will recommend to the department in Washington to-day that the parcels post service be extended to every substation in the city. The remarkable growth of the parcels post traffic in the seven days of its operation has made the move practically imperative. Daily increase in the equipment at the central office has proved inadequate to take care of the business without inconvenience to many patrons. It was at first thought probable that the situation could be met by commissioning a number of conveniently situated substations. The Post-Office Department at Washington, however, favors the extension of the service to all substations, rather than to a limited number, and Mr. Southward's recommendation to-day will be to this effect.

While there is little doubt that the recommendation will be granted by the department, the substations will hardly be commissioned before the end of this month. No orders to this end are expected until after January 15, when Postmaster-General Hitchcock will have had time to examine the reports from the post-offices of the country, and to draw from them a more definite plan for the extension of the parcels post than has hitherto been possible.

**Preliminary Report To-Day.** Mr. Southward will forward to the department to-day a preliminary report showing the parcels post business conducted by the Richmond office during the seven days since the service was begun. Detailed figures from the letter stations and the post-office in South Richmond were not available last night. It was estimated, however, that fully 30,000 parcels have been handled by the four stations since last Wednesday, when the parcels post was initiated.

With the commissioning of the substations there will be twenty-seven places in the city, including the central office, equipped to handle parcels post packages. At present there are only four. With the system thus amplified, post-office officials expect a large increase in parcels post traffic. The new branch of the postal service employs now at the central office five clerks and a wagon. To this equipment will be added to-day another wagon and another clerk. The appointment of the new clerk exhausts the reserve list of the Richmond post-office and takes every man available locally for postal service. The second reserve list has not yet been forwarded from Washington. Manufacturers, jobbers and mail

order houses have pounced upon the new government service as the long-needed carrier for their smaller packages. The extent to which local dealers are using the parcels post has proved an unending source of wonder to the postmaster and his assistants.

A large fertilizer manufacturing company sent down a truck load of fertilizer samples in tin containers the size of ordinary baking-powder tins, to be forwarded to the trade in lieu of illustrated circulars. It was practically new business, as the firm contented itself formerly with the printed page instead of the product. One of the big stove manufacturing concerns mailed a cook-stove in 11-pound sections, to be assembled by the addressee.

The State of Virginia took advantage of the parcels post by sending out yesterday about 1,500 of the new automobile licenses at a considerable saving over the former method of shipping by express. A wholesale shoe house filed a hurry order for one of its customers by shipping several cases of shoes broken up into 11-pound parcels.

## TODD WILL QUIT ALL ATHLETICS

Crack Athlete and Captain of Football Eleven Decides to Stand Aside.

Charlottesville, Va., January 7.—Conspicuous by his absence from the track squad that reported to Trainer "Pop" Lannigan for indoor work yesterday afternoon, was ex-Captain "Hartie" Todd, the premier sprinter of the university. Lannigan later vouched for the fact that Todd had decided to give up track work, which really means the sturdy little athlete has played his last athletic contest under the Orange and Blue Virginia flag. "Pop" Lannigan for indoor work yesterday afternoon, was ex-Captain "Hartie" Todd, the premier sprinter of the university. Lannigan later vouched for the fact that Todd had decided to give up track work, which really means the sturdy little athlete has played his last athletic contest under the Orange and Blue Virginia flag. Todd, the premier sprinter of the university, Lannigan later vouched for the fact that Todd had decided to give up track work, which really means the sturdy little athlete has played his last athletic contest under the Orange and Blue Virginia flag. Todd, the premier sprinter of the university, Lannigan later vouched for the fact that Todd had decided to give up track work, which really means the sturdy little athlete has played his last athletic contest under the Orange and Blue Virginia flag.

another football man, also reported. Mayer was a sprinter and weight man on last year's squad, and should show improvement. He has the build of a strong runner.

In one branch alone Lannigan should have no fear. Cronly, from Episcopal High; Benet and Carter, Woodberry Forest; Gooch and Harris, the latter a quintet the equal of any bunch of hurdlers in this section. While it is doubtful whether any one is the class of "Boy" Eller, John Cronly gave the former the race of his life in Richmond last season, and should show marked improvement under Lannigan's tutelage.

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## SENTENCED TO TWO YEARS IN PRISON

Former Mailing Clerk Found Guilty of Stealing Money From Decoy Letter.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] Alexandria, Va., January 7.—H. Linden Wheatley, formerly a mailing clerk in the city post-office, was this afternoon found guilty of stealing money from a decoy letter by a jury, and was sentenced by Judge Edmund Waddill to serve two years in the Atlantic Penitentiary. Wheatley rifled a decoy letter of \$500 on April 7 last.

A grand jury in the United States Court for the Eastern District of Virginia, Judge Edmund Waddill presiding, this afternoon returned true bills in the following cases: Jackson Brothers' Company, a corporation, and Ray West, unlawfully obtaining transportation for property at less than the regular rate than established and in force, according to law; Eugene E. Fisher, mailing improper matter through mails; Carroll M. Brarrack, carrying a business of distiller with intent to defraud; Emma Fry, mailing nonmailable matter through mails; Thomas R. Hurst, carrying on business of distiller with intent to defraud. The jury also returned a presentment, on information, against Raymond White for being drunk and disorderly on a government reservation.

Sketches for the remodeling of Armory Hall, prepared by William R. Hamilton, have been adopted by the building committee of the armory. The final plans for the building will be submitted next week, and in all probability adopted. The City Council has contributed \$5,000 towards the work, which amount \$25,000 will go towards building a mortgage and the residue toward the improvement, or as much of it, if the company will raise an equal amount. It is expected that the improvement will cost about \$5,000.

## ALL POSTMASTERS NOTIFIED

Parcel Post Stamp Can Be Used on Packages for Foreign Countries. Washington, January 7.—Postmaster-General Hitchcock decided to-night, after conferences with officials of the Postoffice Department, that the distinctive parcel post stamps might be used for the payment of postage on packages sent to foreign countries by the international parcel post. That decision was telegraphed immediately to the postmasters of all important cities in the country. It follows, therefore, that both the ordinary postage stamp and the distinctive parcel post stamps may be used in forwarding packages by parcel post to foreign countries. Under the law, however, ordinary postage stamps may not be used to pay postage upon packages sent by parcel post from and to points in this country. Postmasters have been notified, too, that packages sent to a foreign country by international parcel post cannot be insured as domestic parcels are, but they may be registered as in the past.

## FIVE WEEKS STUDY FOR FARM AGENTS

Plans are now complete for the five weeks' schooling to be given the farm demonstration agents in Virginia at the Polytechnic Institute at Blacksburg. The agents will journey there on January 19, and the instruction will be begun the next day.

Every phase of scientific agriculture will be taught the agents, so that they will be better equipped this year than ever before to go about among the farmers and suggest methods of producing two blades of grass to take the place of one.

Either forty-five or forty-seven of the agents will take the course. This is as far as the money available will permit. The State furnishes the tuition, while the men will pay their own traveling expenses and board out of the salaries from the department at Washington, which will be paid them while at school.

One study will be that of dairying. Milk testing is to be given special attention. It is the desire of Chief Agent T. O. Sandy that each field worker carry a Babcock tester in his baggy through his county, and test the cows of the farmers, so as to be in position to advise as to which animals are profitable and which should be in the scrap heap, spraying, use of fertilizers and any scientific knowledge that can be found at Blacksburg will be taken up.

State Dairy and Food Commissioner W. D. Saunders has agreed to furnish the milk tester to the demonstrators after they learn how to use them.

## NEGRO ACCUSED OF BRONZE THEFT

Floyd Byrd, a negro driver, was arrested yesterday by Patrolmen Volts and Jennings on the charge of being a suspicious character suspected of having committed a felony. According to the officers the negro is believed to be guilty of stealing two cases of arena powder, used by printers, and which is valued at \$240.

J. E. Powell, who operates a local express service, on Sunday reported to the police that two cases of arena powder had been stolen. He said he had turned them over to Byrd to be delivered to H. L. Pitts & Company, 1205 East Franklin Street. He added that Byrd had returned and announced that Pitts & Company were closed, but he had left the two cases in a store across the street with the understanding they would be turned over to the owner the following day. When Pitts & Company failed to receive the powder, Powell was notified. A careful inquiry by him failed to locate the missing arena, and he made a report to the police.

The two cases were located yesterday by Volts and Jennings in the rear of the Southern Bargain House, 1401 East Franklin Street. After they had been removed to police headquarters Byrd was arrested.

## HOWITZERS WANT WASHINGTON TRIP

Editor of Battery Paper Has Heart for Any Fate—Gets Off Sundry Jokes.

"Washington, March 4." This is the heading of an editorial in the current number of the Howitzers' Gazette, and no doubt the editor would be glad if he could stop there. But after the "4" he finds it necessary to drop in all the interrogation points in his case.

"Is this question going to die a natural death?" demands the editor. "Are we going in new uniforms or not?" But the silence is unbroken, and there seems no reply to these agonizing questions. With a score of others, the Gazette man asserts, they are killed at him every time he meets a Howitzer, on the street or in church, and every place we can think of." Personally, he says, he would like to see the battery parade with 100 men in new uniforms, but, as every one knows, March weather is uncertain so he thinks "It's taking a long shot either way."

"However," the editor concludes, "the editor is same for anything that comes along."

The Gazette, which has been taking a holiday vacation, perpetrates the following:

What is the "angle of sight" on a rainy day on Broad Street? Wanted—A recipe for mixing Howitzer's concrete pie. Any one putting "The Howitzer Rag" to music will be decorated for bravery. Sergeant Engard, notice. Why is it that Lieutenant Myers does not dance? He seems to be very popular with the ladies. Mosidian, McFarland and Private Bailey are planning a hunting trip. Skidoo, game!

Private Payne goes in cold storage every day. He's in the meat business.

## Specials for this Week

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Good Salt Pork, per lb.	18c
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Fresh Picnic Hams, per lb.	14c
Large bottles Essence Lemon or Vanilla, 7 bottles	25c
3 cans Tall Salmon	25c
Good Carolina Rice, per lb.	6c
Octagon Soap, 6 bars for	25c
New California Prunes, per lb.	8c
Large cans Virginia Tomatoes	7c
Sugar Corn, 4 cans for	25c
Ceresota or Pillsbury Flour, per bag	19c
Large cans California Table Pickles	19c
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